

## Mission Statement

The County of San Diego Office of Emergency Services (OES) coordinates the overall county response to disasters. OES is responsible for: 1) alerting and notifying appropriate agencies when disaster strikes; 2) coordinating all agencies that respond; 3) ensuring resources are available and mobilized in times of disaster; 4) developing plans and procedures for response to and recovery from disasters; and 5) developing and providing preparedness materials for the public.



OES directs the Operational Area Emergency Operations Center (EOC) and coordinates the efforts of County departments, cities, special districts and other agencies within the county, as well as with the state and federal agencies.

## Major Emergency Management Areas

- ◆ Earthquake Preparedness
- ◆ Fire Safety and Preparedness
- ◆ Flood and Winter Weather Preparedness
- ◆ Domestic Preparedness/  
Homeland Security
- ◆ Nuclear Power Plant Planning
- ◆ Hazardous Incident Response Team
- ◆ Dam Inundation Planning
- ◆ Hazard Mitigation Planning
- ◆ Community Emergency Response Team Programs
- ◆ Public Education Materials



## Operational Area Emergency Plan

OES is responsible for the development and maintenance of the Operational Area Emergency Plan. The plan has functional annexes that address various emergency management functions. Topics include Fire and Rescue; Law Enforcement; Multi-Casualty; Public Health; Care and Shelter; Environmental Health; Damage Assessment and Recovery; and Animal Control. The annexes were developed and are updated periodically by task forces comprised of representatives from local cities and public safety agencies.

## How OES Can Help You...

OES has a library with a wide range of publications and books on emergency management topics. Among the research materials are newspaper articles on emergencies and disasters throughout the world, dating back to 1985.

In addition, the office has a video lending library with numerous videos on emergency/disaster preparedness. Videos are available for loan at no cost to the public.

Information on the San Diego County Arson Reward Fund and numerous fire safety issues in the county can be obtained from OES. The ARSON Reward Fund telephone number for reporting information on suspected arson activity is (619) 235-TIPS.

## How YOU Can Become Better Prepared...

Preparedness is a collaborative effort between you, your community and local agencies. To ensure that your family is fully prepared, take the following steps before an emergency strikes:

- √ Develop an individual or family emergency preparedness plan.
- √ Store emergency supplies to last for a minimum of 72 hours.
- √ Learn alternate routes out of your home and your neighborhood.
- √ Designate a relative or friend as an out-of-area contact through whom family members can relay information during a disaster.
- √ Check your residence for potential problem areas, such as book cases that can topple, and take corrective action where possible.
- √ Complete CPR and First Aid Training.
- √ See the front of your SBC telephone directory for a handy First Aid and Survival Guide.
- √ Call OES at (858) 565-3490 for further information.

**Volunteer Agencies**

There are several volunteer agencies/groups that provide invaluable support to the Office of Emergency Services on an ongoing basis. You may want to consider joining one of these groups. They include:

- Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Services (RACES)
- Radio Amateur Volunteer Emergency Service (RAVES)
- American Red Cross (ARC)
- Salvation Army
- Animal Rescue Reserve (Humane Society)
- INFO Line
- Association of General Contractors (Plan Bulldozer)

**Unified San Diego County  
Emergency Services  
Organization**

**Consisting of the Cities of:**

<b>Carlsbad</b>	<b>Chula Vista</b>
<b>Coronado</b>	<b>Del Mar</b>
<b>El Cajon</b>	<b>Encinitas</b>
<b>Escondido</b>	<b>Imperial Beach</b>
<b>La Mesa</b>	<b>Lemon Grove</b>
<b>National City</b>	<b>Oceanside</b>
<b>Poway</b>	<b>San Diego</b>
<b>San Marcos</b>	<b>Santee</b>
<b>Solana Beach</b>	<b>Vista</b>

and

**The County of San Diego**



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The Unified Organization, established in 1961, is comprised of the 18 incorporated cities within the county and the County of San Diego, which represents the unincorporated areas. The Organization provides for a single Operational Area for coordination of disaster activities relating to mitigation, preparedness, response and recovery. The Organization operates under a Joint Powers Agreement that provides for cooperation and coordination between member jurisdictions.

The Unified Disaster Council (UDC) is the governing body of the Unified Organization. The Council is comprised of the Chair of the San Diego County Board of Supervisors, who serves as Chair of the Council, and representatives from the 18 incorporated cities. The County of San Diego Office of Emergency Services (OES) serves as staff to the Unified Disaster Council. In this capacity, OES is a liaison between the incorporated cities, the State Office of Emergency Services and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), as well as non-governmental agencies such as the American Red Cross.